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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Jouni RAHKOMAA et al.

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For: **EQUIPMENT AND METHOD IN A PAPER OR BOARD MACHINE FOR MIXING OF FRESH STOCK AND OF WATER FOR DILUTION OF FRESH STOCK**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 5, 2000

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. (reference is made to the lines as numbered).

Page 1, line 6, insert --**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**--;

line 10, insert --**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**--; and

line 15, insert --**OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**--.

Page 2, before line 1, insert --**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**--.